


# City of Fremont SIDEWALK REPAIR Guidelines

**“Sidewalk”** means the area between the property line and the street line (street easement) which includes curbing, the parking strip area between the curbing and sidewalk, and the sidewalk.

**A property owner is responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks adjacent to his or her property.**

Type of Repair	Repair Process	Things to know
<b>Concrete Grinding</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Contact the City of Fremont, Public Works Department, Maintenance Center Office to report a sidewalk trip hazard (510) 979-5700 or go to <a href="http://www.fremont.gov">www.fremont.gov</a> (“Report a Concern” link).</li> <li>2. Even though the property owner is responsible to maintain all sidewalks adjacent to his or her property, the City of Fremont will provide sidewalk grinding, patching, ramping, and replacement services to the extent funds and staffing are available. Depending on workload backlog, a grinding, patching, or ramping request may be placed on a list and handled in the order it was received.</li> <li>3. To expedite the process you may e-mail the City’s Maintenance Division a picture of the concrete displacement with a ruler showing the height of the displacement. Alternatively, your request may be placed on a list and a field inspection by staff from the Street Maintenance Division will be conducted in the order your request was received.</li> <li>4. If Street maintenance staff determine the sidewalk displacement is greater than 0.5 inch and less than 1.5 inches, maintenance staff may grind the elevated sidewalk to eliminate any possible tripping hazard.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Q: Is it true that the property owner is responsible to maintain the sidewalk in front of their property?</b></p> <p><b>A:</b> Yes. California Street and Highway Code §5610 states property owners are responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks adjacent to their property.</p>
<b>Asphalt Patching (ramp)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Same as #1 above.</li> <li>2. Same as #2 above.</li> <li>3. Same as #3 above.</li> <li>4. If Street maintenance staff determine the sidewalk displacement is greater than 1.5 inches, maintenance staff may use asphalt patch to create a ramp that will reduce any possible tripping hazard that was created by the concrete displacement.</li> <li>5. If Maintenance staff determines that the severity of the concrete displacement is significant, the displacement location will be reported to the City’s Engineering Division for replacement consideration when funds are available.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Q: Why does the City repair and replace sidewalks if the property owner is responsible to maintain it?</b></p> <p><b>A:</b> The City has provided, and will continue to provide sidewalk repair and replacement as a service to Fremont property owners as long as funding and staffing is available.</p>
<b>Complete Removal and Replacement</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Same as #1 above.</li> <li>2. Same as #2 above.</li> <li>3. If City maintenance staff determines the sidewalk displacement is severe enough to require a complete removal and replacement, the displacement will be temporarily repaired with an asphalt patch. The patched location will be reported to the City’s Engineering Division by maintenance staff to be completely redone when funds are available.</li> <li>4. To find out if your displaced sidewalk is on the Engineering Division’s list for future replacement, please call the City’s Engineering Division (510) 494-4700.</li> <li>5. If the property owner’s sidewalk displacement is not on the Engineering Division’s list for future replacement, or it is not scheduled to be fixed in a time frame that is acceptable to the property owner, the property owner may request an encroachment permit from the City’s Engineering Division to have the sidewalk displacement fixed at the property owners expense by a licensed contractor who has a business license to work in the City of Fremont.</li> </ol> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Any repair or replacement of a sidewalk initiated by a property owner must be approved through the City’s Engineering Division and completed by a licensed/insured contractor on file with the City. Also, filling in the area between the street curb and the sidewalk with concrete is not allowed nor will the City maintain or repair concrete in this area. This is the property owner’s responsibility.</p>	<p><b>Q: How do I find out if the sidewalk in front of my property is on a list to be replaced and when will the work be done if it is on the list?</b></p> <p><b>A:</b> You can contact the City of Fremont’s Engineering Division at (510) 494-4700</p> 

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